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THE GRAPEVINE

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Prayer Cycles

Please pray with us today and throughout this week for:

Anglican: Falkland Islands, the Rt Rev Timothy Thornton

Diocesan: York Central Deanery

Social Justice and Advocacy: All Saints, Kingsway and the Stonegate Ecumenical Ministry; All Saints, Peterborough and its various outreach supports; All Saints, Sherbourne St, Toronto and the breakfast program for women in the sex trade.

Deanery: the Rev. William Montgomery and the Rev. Murray McColl

Parish Groups: One Roof Community Centre, its staff, volunteers and guests.

Parish Family: Tina Moorcroft; John and Lyn Morris; Jaylene Mory and Eric Griswold (10); Pat Moss; Doug and Eileen Moulton; Renate Muller; Trish and Don Murphy (11); James and Lynn Neufeld; Rachael Nicholls; Terry, Lisa, John and Mark Noble (12); Fred and Marian Olson; Diane Passmore; Jennifer Passmore; Murray Paterson; Del Patterson (13); Sheila Peasley; Erica and Marilyn Peavoy; Ian, Alexis, Simon and Magdalena Peddle; Samantha Peever (14)

Readings for Sunday, December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 10

- 7:15 pm Al-Alon

Tuesday, Dec 11

- 12:00 noon ACW Christmas Potluck lunch. All Welcome. There will be a short business meeting after lunch.

Wednesday, Dec 12

- 10:00 am mid-week service

Thursday Dec 13

- 9:00 a.m.—Men's Group
- 10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, Dec 16

- Services of Worship at 8:15 am, 10:00 am and 10:05 am
- 4:00 pm Blue Christmas, A Service of Healing and Hope

LOOKING AHEAD

Advent Wednesdays: Christ Lutheran is offering a soup and sandwich Advent Wednesday Evenings Worship, “Holden Evening Prayer”. Soup served at 5:30, Evening Prayer begins 6:15.

Advent Lunchtime Organ Music: Thursdays 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. at Emmanuel United Church: Dec 13 Tyler Evans-Knott (flute) and Douglas Schalin; Dec 20 Randy Mills.

Admission is free. Food items and cash are accepted for local food banks. For more info call 705-742-162 or 705-755-1184.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree is on display in the narthex beside the elevator to receive donations of new winter wear: socks, mittens, scarves, and toques. Mittens are especially needed.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one for Christmas please contact the office prior to December 14th. Please make your cheque for \$25 payable to St. John’s Anglican with Christmas flowers on the memo line. Your cheque can be placed on the offering plate or in the office mail box.

Blue Christmas; A Service of Healing and Hope: Sunday, December 16th, 4:00 p.m. Not everyone feels like singing "Joy to the World" or "Deck the Halls" at Christmastime. For those who feel loneliness, despair, grief, or sorrow during the holidays this service of worship acknowledges the pain many carry. Join us as we set aside the noise of Christmas for a time of hearing afresh the hope of the good news of the birth of Jesus and offer our pain to God.

Christmas Pageant: As in past years, our Christmas Eve 4 p.m. family service will include a pageant. All are welcome to take part. We will have one rehearsal Saturday December 22nd from 10 to 11:30. Please let Martha Anderson or Rev. Mary know if you'd like to take part. Children who aren't able to attend the practice may still take part Christmas Eve.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

Standing at the Crossroads: A Season of Prayer for Discernment for St John's: devotional booklets for this six-week season of discernment for our parish's future ministry are available in the Nave where the hymns books are stores or on the parish website at <http://stjohnspeterborough.ca/about/standing-at-the-crossroads>.

Grapevine: If you wish to receive the weekly "Online Grapevine", please email Carolyn office@stjohnspeterborough.ca to get on the list. It's sent out every Friday morning with info from the print version as well as ministry rosters and other information of interest.

Ministry Opportunities: Envelopes for the Warming Room shelter and One Roof Community Centre (both ministries of the parish) are on the welcome table. Both programs rely on donations in addition to other funding. One Roof Community Centre invites additional support by the donation of goods and supplies.

PARISH FAMILY

December Birthdays: Elizabeth Lavenuik, Courtney Major (1), Lisa Grant (2) Bonnie Williams (3), Bruce Lister, Margaret Freeman, Elwood Jones, Mark Jones, Bob MacKirdy (7), James Neufeld (9), John Carter (11), Art White, Patsy Harper (14), Patrick Carter (15), Carol Harvey (16), Marlene Baker (17), Paul Tiller (20), Tom Robinson (24), Rob Carter, Terry Noble (30), Miles Lathangue (31)

December Anniversaries: Monique Boissiere and Christian Harvey (21), Bob and Sibyl Stairs (22), Jim and Arlene Hill (24)

If your birthdate or anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be please contact Carolyn in the office with the details.



CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday, December 16 - 4:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service of Healing and Hope

Sunday, December 23 - 10:00 a.m.
A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Monday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m.
Family Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Monday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.
Traditional Candlelight Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Tuesday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Sunday, December 30 - 10:00 a.m.
The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 6 - 10:00 a.m.
The Epiphany of the Lord